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10. *Supplementary demands.*—The Committee accepted the proposal for the following supplementary demands:—

	Amount of demand. RS.
(i) 32. MEDICAL —on account of refund of contributions paid by the Madura District Board and Municipality towards the headquarter hospital	11,262
(ii) 22. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION —on account of payment of arrears of war allowances to copyist establishment in the Revenue Department	32,140

11. *Supplementary demand.*—In regard to the proposal for a supplementary demand of 10 lakhs under “47. Miscellaneous” on account of payments to persons who suffered during the Mappilla rebellion, the Committee were evenly divided between acceptance and postponement.

12. The following papers were placed on the table:—

(1) G.O. No. 24, Law (Education), dated 9th January 1923, sanctioning the constitution of District Secondary Education Boards, and

(2) G.Os. Nos. 102 and 103, Finance, dated 26th January 1923, sanctioning additional allotments (totalling Rs. 28,000) on account of Contract contingencies for the High Court, and Civil and Sessions Courts.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
29th January 1923.

C. G. TODHUNTER.

APPENDIX B.

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Proceedings of the twenty-third meeting for 1922-23 of the Standing Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council held at Fort St. George on Monday, the 29th January 1923.

P R E S E N T :

- (1) The Hon'ble Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER, K.C.S.I. (Chairman).
 - (2) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur O. TANIKACHALA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
 - (3) „ Rao Bahadur T. A. RAMALINGA CHETTIYAR Avargal.
 - (4) „ A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR Avargal.
 - (5) Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB.
 - (6) Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN.
 - (7) Mr. A. M. MACDOUGALL.
 - (8) Mr. C. E. WOOD.
- (M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR did not attend.)

Read proposals relating to the budget provision in 1923-24 for grants to local bodies.

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In addition to the provision included on account of the standing sanctions (both direct and indirect) for local bodies' services totalling 105.72 lakhs in Part I of the budget for 1923-24, the Finance Department suggested an allotment of 26.95 lakhs to be distributed as follows :—

(a) A sum of 11.95 lakhs for the following objects :—

	RS.
Primary schools—Construction of school buildings ...	59,000
Secondary schools—Construction of school buildings.	50,000
Grants towards the net cost of schools	23,850
Medical buildings	29,000
Grants towards the pay of medical officers	3,20,000
Provincialization of the offices of District Medical and Sanitary officers.	32,800
Payments for Public Health purposes	49,000
Grants for water-supply and drainage schemes ...	5,00,000
Civil works—Payments out of resumed grants ...	28,000
Grants for roads and bridges	1,00,000
Total ...	11,94,650

(b) A further 15 lakhs to be entered as lump provision for distribution by the Local Self-Government Department in such manner as they think most necessary for the time being, on the understanding that it shall be applied in the first instance to the repayment of amounts overdrawn by the various local bodies from the treasury before any new expenditure is embarked upon.

2. The Committee recommended that the total provision should be raised from 132.67 lakhs to 140 lakhs, which sum should, besides providing for standing sanctions (both direct and indirect) on account of local bodies' services included in Part I, include (a) grant to the Malabar District Board to repair damage done by the Mappilla rebellion, (b) the amounts required for wiping off the deficits of the various local bodies as soon as these were ascertained, and (c) compassionate grants to poorer local bodies, the balance to be allotted to new works at the discretion of the Local Self-Government Department. The Committee also suggested that, in the case of all deficit local bodies, taxes should be increased to the maximum rates as a condition of making good the deficit.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
31st January 1923.

C. G. TODHUNTER.

